

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

John Anshus (Absent)	Cindy Gilberts (1.0 hr)	Joe Jax (Chair) (1.5 hrs)
Bob Giede (Absent)	Dennis Kropp (1.0 hrs) via Zoom	Mike Schendel (1.0 hr)
Mike Smith (1.0 hr)	Eric Sutherland (Absent)	

Others present: Randy Eide, Dick Henning, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. Those appearing via Zoom were recorded along with their volunteer hours. January minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. A motion was made by Dennis Kropp, and seconded by Mike Schendel to accept January minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Memoriam Plaque: Four ideas for the words to be placed on Nancy Scholfield's plaque were submitted to the Committee and reviewed. Idea #1 was chosen but it needs to be revised by making it shorter. The revision will then be emailed to the board for their approval and then to Ken Schofield for his final approval.

LCIP Project by Galloway Creek: Megan Hines reports that there have been four field days where the crew has been working in close to 30-degree weather clearing more brush in the Galloway Creek Area which amounts to about a 2.5-acre parcel. Grants have been pursued but unsuccessful due to staff shortages. LCIP continues to look for more grants & funding. The City Street department aids in the removal of brush from the work site.

Urban Forestry Board Member Opening: There is still an open seat on the board and those that wish to recommend someone for the position on the Urban Forestry Board committee are asked to submit that person to Mayor, Randy Knaack. Recently, a few candidate's names were received and the status is still pending as far as follow-up and progress on those persons.

Items to add to the agenda: None

Urban Forester Report:

- Tree Canopy Inventory: Dick Henning is following the Street Department crews and uses his iPad to update those changes, this will help with the planning of new trees as the crews cut, prune and remove existing trees.
- Dead trees to be Cut: A dead Ash and Maple were removed from Wilson Park with plans to plant one tree in their place between the Pavilion and the Bandshell.

City Council Report: Randy Eide reports...

- Due to the phosphorous treatment implementation, there will be a city sewer rate increase on March 1, 2022.
- 3 Twin homes or 6 Units at Dancing Oaks, south of the Rec Park, received floor plan changes, these changes will need to move forward to City Council before they can be built.
- A UTV/ATV path has been approved NE of the City to allow for riders to drive in for fuel.
- Stout Rd Project has been delayed due to Xcel Energy working on the gas main lasting longer than expected. The City's plan to start work on Stout Rd is estimated to start in late July and last into September 2022.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

1. Plaque Design and verbiage
2. Review of site map for placement of bench and tree for Nancy Scholfield.
3. Type of tree to be planted in Nancy's honor.
4. Arbor Day and Tree City 2022

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 2 pm Council Chambers – 1st Floor.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cindy Gilberts to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dennis Kropp

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Eckert